

# Health News Release

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# State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Clark County**

In June of 2009 the Massage Program indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed massage therapist **Jason T. Lutz** (MASS.MA.00020848) after the Oregon State Board of Massage Therapists suspended his credential to practice in that state.

# **Cowlitz County**

In July of 2009 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of registered nurse **Amy L. Ford** (RN.RN.00132500) after the Montana State Board of Nursing suspended her credential to practice in that state. She cannot practice pending a hearing.

#### **Grays Harbor County**

In July of 2009 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Phoebe M. Olivera,** also known as **Phoebe Marie Muro** (RC.RC.00059530). She failed to comply with terms of an earlier order.

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## **King County**

In June of 2009 the Naturopathy Program corrected a modification order with naturopathic physician **Mark D. Groven** (NATU.NT.00000649) in which a suspension of his credential may be stayed after 90 days if he complies with certain conditions.

In July of 2009 the Registered Counselor Program entered into an agreed order with **Christopher Bruce Evans** (RC.RC.00040982) in which his credential is indefinitely suspended. Evans had sex with a client.

In July of 2009 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Vickie T. Anderson** (RC.RC.00056803). She failed to comply with terms of an earlier order.

In July of 2009 the Department of Health withdrew a statement of charges against respiratory care practitioner **Patricia D. Martinell** (RESP.LR.00001510).

## **Lewis County**

In June of 2009 the Board of Pharmacy entered into an agreed order with pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician **Sabra L. Sin** (PHAA.VB.00066172, PTEC.VA.60017222) in which Sin's credential is revoked for at least 10 years. Sin stole controlled substances for personal use while filling prescriptions.

### **Pierce County**

In June of 2009 the Certified Nursing Assistant Program suspended for at least five years the credential of **Tanisha R. Hartman** (NAC.NC.10056003). Hartman presented altered prescriptions to a pharmacy and was convicted in Pierce County of bail jumping, a gross misdemeanor.

In June of 2009 the Department of Health suspended the credential of massage practitioner **Leslie James Wintermute II** (MA00019033) for failure to comply with a child support order. The suspension will continue until Wintermute complies with the support order.

In July of 2009 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Randall S. Johnston** (RC.RC.00059982) because he failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement to practice with conditions.

# **Snohomish County**

In July of 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with **Kathleen C. Egan** (HCA.HC.00151264) in which her credential is suspended for at least two years. Egan failed to comply with terms of an earlier order.

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## **Skagit County**

In July of 2009 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Greg R. Eickmier** (RC.RC.60045897) because he failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

## **Spokane County**

In June of 2009 the Registered Counselor Program modified an agreed order with **Stacey E. Barrus** (RC.RC.60066016) and indefinitely suspended her credential.

In July of 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended for at least five years the credential of **Brandon M. Affre** (NAR.NA.00200412) after he stole and sold a ring that belonged to a patient at a long-term care facility where he worked. He was also convicted of malicious mischief, a gross misdemeanor, in Spokane.

In July of 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with **Richard A. Cokusis** (HC00156295) in which his credential is indefinitely suspended. Cokusis failed to comply with terms and conditions against his license.

#### **Stevens County**

In June of 2009 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Traci L. Somers** (RN.RN.00124387) in which her credential is indefinitely suspended. Somers failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

#### **Thurston County**

In June of 2009 the Board of Pharmacy entered into an agreed order with pharmacist **Donald K. Pohl** (PH00065236) in which his credential is suspended for at least five years. Pohl diverted drugs for his own use from a pharmacy where he worked. Pohl already was on probation.

### **Whatcom County**

In July of 2009 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Joy J. Lawrence** (RN.RN.00175084) after she voluntarily surrendered her credential to practice in Texas.

#### **Out of State**

**Arizona:** In July of 2009 the Massage Program indefinitely suspended the credential of massage practitioner **David R. Harris** (MA00022698). He failed to comply with terms of an earlier order.

In July of 2009 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Stephanie Ann Bowden** (RC.RC.00031819) because she failed to comply with terms of an earlier order.

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**Florida:** In July of 2009 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Vickie A. Worthington** (RN.RN.00157455) after she voluntarily surrendered her credentials to practice in Arizona and New Hampshire.

**Oregon:** In July of 2009 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of registered nurse **Carla L. Fies** (RN.RN.00139002) after she voluntarily surrendered her credential to practice in Oregon.

In June of 2009 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Gloria D. Rodli** (LPN.LP.00013913) after she voluntarily surrendered her credential to practice in Oregon.

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